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FM AMEMBASSY PRAGUE  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7767  
AMEMBASSY VIENNA  
INFO AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST  
AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST  
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STATE FOR CU/ARTS; VIENNA FOR RPO; USIA FOR IEE, IBS

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: OEXC, CZ  
SUBJ: MCCLAIN FAMILY BAND

REF: (A) BENNETT/WALSH TELECON MARCH 18; (B) MCCLAIN LETTER  
TO RPO DATED 1/13/75; (C) BLUEGRASS MAGAZINE (MARCH)

1. DEFINITE POSSIBILITY NOW EXISTS FOR MCCLAIN FAMILY BAND TO BE  
EXTENDED INVITATION FROM SOCIALIST YOUTH LEAGUE (SSM) FOR  
PRAGUE CONCERTS AT END OF PLANNED EASTERN EUROPEAN TOUR. NO  
USEFUL BREAKS EXIST IN CURRENT SCHEDULE BUT PER REF (A) WARSAW  
MAY BE WILLING TO CONSIDER RELEASING BAND ONE DAY EARLIER - JUNE 4  
VICE JUNE 5. REF (C) SHOWS BAND MAY BE SCHEDULED TO PERFORM IN  
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY JUNE 6-8. RECENT TELECON BETWEEN ALICE  
MCCLAIN AND RPO INDICATED BAND WOULD BE WILLING TO EXTEND TOUR IF  
IT WERE "IMPORTANT".

2. EMBASSY HAS BEEN SEEKING MCCLAIN CONCERTS FOR TWO YEARS WITHOUT  
SUCCESS. PROPOSED PROGRAM WOULD INCLUDE MINIMUM TWO JOINT CONCERTS:  
JUNE 5 WITH TOP COUNTRY WESTERN GROUP AND JUNE 6 WITH LOCAL  
BLUEGRASS GROUP. EMBASSY WOULD LEAVE JUNE 4 OPEN FOR TRAVEL AND  
REST OR RECEPTION BUT COULD PROBABLY SWITCH JUNE 6 CONCERT TO  
JUNE 4 IF BAND MUST DEPART FOR U.S. ON JUNE 6. LOCAL SPONSOR  
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WILL COVER HOTEL AND ADEQUATE PER DIEM AND PRINT PROGRAMS. EMBASSY

WOULD OFFER DOLS 150 HONORARIUM.

3. LOCAL COUNTRY WESTERN AND BLUEGRASS GROUPS FAMILIAR WITH BAND  
THROUGH BLUEGRASS MAGAZINE AND 1974 TOUR PROMISE ENTHUSIASTIC  
RESPONSE AND MAXIMUM OPPORTUNITY FOR CONTACT WITH LOCAL PERFORMERS.

4. REQUEST CU/ARTS CONTACT ALICE MCCLAIN, BEREAS, KENTUCKY WITH  
REQUEST EXTENSION EE TOUR TO INCLUDE CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

5. ADVISE. PERRY

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